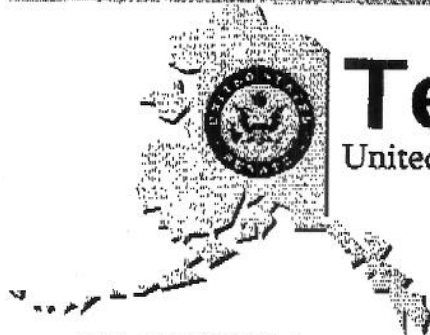


Submission Date: Feb 14, 2008

Priority: 1 of 1



# Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

## Please Note:

- Fill out one request form for each request
- This form (and any attachments) can be returned via:

Fax - (202) 224-2354

Mail - The Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate  
522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Alaska Association of Conservation Districts: Support to Alaska's Conservation Districts

Project Location: Statewide

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

This project seeks funding to support the work of 12 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Alaska. The 12 Alaska Soil and Water Conservation Districts are the critical infrastructure that provides on the ground solutions to natural resource conservation and public information about natural resource and environmental issues around the state. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts provide on the ground practical solutions for private and public landowners to conserve soil, water, wetlands, forestry, and wildlife resources. Because of the intense focus on big money issues such as oil and gas, education, transportation and social issues, the conservation districts are an overlooked resource by the state, hence the need for Federal Assistance.

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Related Appropriations Bill: Senate 110-134, 2008

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,500,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$1,500,000

Number of years to fund this project: 1

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: Request Pending

## Matching funds from local and private entities:

The project will be augmented by local and private contributions; however, the amount is not known at this time.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

## History of our federal funding for last five years:

2008—Agreement has not yet been signed; however, the funding bill appropriates \$661,000 for FY 2008. We expect to sign the agreement in late February 2008; 2007—No funding; 2006, \$1,473,120; 2005, \$1,488,000; 2004, \$1,400,000; 2003; \$500,000 supplemental; 2003, \$1,500,000.

Amount Included in the President's FY09 Budget: Not known

Amount Included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: Request Pending

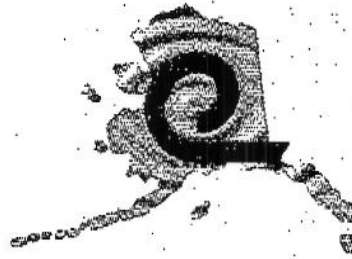
☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

## List legislation that authorizes this project:

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND  
DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL 2008

## Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)



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Conservation Districts assist landowners in developing their lands with the least amount of impact to their resources and surrounding areas. In many cases the cooperative work of conservation districts and landowners improve the areas for water quality, habitat, and still allow for human productivity.

Alaska is changing rapidly in terms of population, climate change, invasive plants and animals, and increased traffic across fragile lands. All of these issues can be addressed by Conservation Districts in partnership with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and with the State Department of Natural Resources. An example of a conservation issue that can be cooperatively addressed is the increase in land and water degradation due to visitor ATV use. Conservation districts are addressing the problem by identifying travel corridors and hardening trails to keep traffic off of sensitive lands.

Conservation districts can provide assistance to miners, oil and gas production sites as well as local landowners. They also can provide a critical link to the public for natural resource education and outreach that in turn translates into action that keeps our resources in tact by the public. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of remediation.

The Alaska Association of Conservation Districts is a non profit corporation formed by the combined local boards of the Conservation Districts which has developed the infrastructure to coordinate District work in the execution of statewide natural resource concerns such as invasive plants and to provide financial accountability, training and administrative support for the Districts.

We request \$1,500,000 of financial assistance in 2009 to continue the important work in conservation and development that is taking place in our great state.